

**Office of the Metropolitan Council**

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Parish of East Baton Rouge

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Louisiana Ethics Administration Program
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re: Advisory Opinion request

Dear Chairman McAnelly:

I serve as a Councilmember on the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council. I am considering proposing an ordinance that allows the Councilmembers as well as their legislative aides to receive free parking in the City Hall parking garages. At this time these parties pay \$20 per month for parking as well as any other elected official or City-Parish employee who parks in the garages. The legislative aides are unclassified City-Parish employees.

I am requesting an advisory opinion on the following:

1. Is it a violation of the Ethics Code for the Councilmembers or legislative aides to receive free parking?
2. Is it a violation of the Ethics Code for the Councilmembers to vote on the agenda item approving free parking for themselves and/or their Aides?

I request this matter be heard by the Ethics Commission and that the Board issue an advisory opinion at its June, 2021 board meeting as an emergency item. Any action by the Metropolitan Council on this item is on hold pending this opinion. Alternatively, I am asking that these matters be heard at the July meeting to ensure I, along with the other Council members, are advised appropriately before taking any action on the matter. If you need further information regarding this request, please feel free to contact me. Dawn Guillot of the Parish Attorney's office is also available at 225-389-3114 or dguillot@brla.gov to provide assistance.

Very truly yours,


Cleve Dunn, Jr.

Metropolitan Councilmember, District 6



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